



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR RATON CITY COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019 AT 6PM

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Segotta called the meeting of the Raton City Commission to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE:

Answering roll call was Mayor Neil Segotta, Mayor Pro-tem Linde' Schuster, Commissioners: Lori Chatterley, Ron Chavez and Don Giacomo. Also present were City Manager Scott Berry, Clerk/Treasurer Michael Anne Antonucci and 17 visitors.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, CITIZEN OF THE MONTH AND/OR PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION, SERVICE AWARD, CONGRATULATIONS, CONDOLENCES, HOLIDAY SCHEDULES AND CITY/MUNICIPAL EVENTS:

- All City Offices will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.
- Next Regular Commission Meeting Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 6pm
- Proclamation: Municipal Clerks Week – May 5-11, 2019
- Proclamation: Drinking Water Week – May 5-11, 2019
- Proclamation: Police Week – May 12-18, 2019
- Proclamation: EMS Week – May 19-25, 2019
- Proclamation: Public Works Week – May 19-25, 2019

V. COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

Jessica Barfield with the Center for Community Innovation announced that they are hosting a fundraising dinner for the Coal Camp Kitchen on June 1st at the Convention Center at 6 p.m. and that tickets are available for purchase if anyone is interested in attending.

VI. ACTION ITEMS/ PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES/ RESOLUTIONS/ CITY MANAGER'S REPORT- The City Commission may discuss and/or take actions on the following agenda items:

- A. Approval of the April 23, 2019 Commission Meeting Minutes and April 30, 2019 Special Commission Meeting Minutes.***

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Commission Chatterley stated that she spoke to Clerk/Treasurer Antonucci about revising the wording within her committee report to clarify that Jessica Barfield reported to the Branding Committee on April 8th with regards to a marketing/partnership meeting that was held that morning about the city's marketing efforts. There were approximately 25 community members in attendance. Clerk/Treasurer Antonucci reported to the Commission that she made the changes. Mayor Pro-tem Schuster made a motion to approve minutes for the April 23, 2019 meeting as amended and the April 30, 2019 Special Commission Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Chatterley seconded the motion. No further discussion took place and the motion passed 5-0 with all voting "aye".

B. *Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance Establishing Rates for Water and Sewer Use from the Municipal System of the City of Raton Amending Ordinance No. 972, Ordinance No. 948, Ordinance No. 894 and Ordinance 684 and Repealing all Ordinances and regulations in Conflict Therewith*

City Manager Berry stated that this ordinance was introduced at the previous meeting. It was further noted that the increase is necessary due to rising chemical expenses and nutrient regulations with regards to the treatment of potable water and that this will be a modest increase to rate payers. He also stated that this was only a public hearing and that public input is important. The ordinance will be considered for adoption at the May 28th meeting. There were no comments from the public.

C. *Public Hearing/Deliberate and Act on Ordinance No. 1001: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 995, Chapter 90: Animals.*

City Manager Berry stated that the change is a simple revision to the animal ordinance that was drafted by City Attorney Ray Floersheim. He further noted that the ordinance deletes the language "shall be guilty of a misdemeanor". A motion was made by Commissioner Giacomo to approve Ordinance No. 1001: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 995, Chapter 90: Animals. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chatterley and carried 5-0 with a unanimous roll call vote with each Commissioner voting "yes".

D. *Deliberate and Act on Biennial Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Extension Agreement Between the City of Raton and Raton MainStreet.*

City Manager Berry introduced the MOU and noted that Christine Valentini and Jessica Barfield with Raton MainStreet were also present at the meeting. Jessica Barfield reported to the Commission that the MOU has been in place since 2005 and that usually it is a 2 year agreement but this year it would just be a one (1) year extension of the existing Biennial MOU until June 30, 2020. Mayor Segotta stated that Raton MainStreet is a vital part of the community. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Schuster to approve the Biennial Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Extension Agreement Between the City of Raton and Raton MainStreet. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chatterley and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

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E. *Deliberate and Act on Resolution 2019-25: Approving Financial Support to Raton MainStreet*

Jessica Barfield, President of Raton MainStreet, presented the request and noted that \$35,000 a year is the minimum amount required for an accredited MainStreet and that they are requesting a \$5,000 increase this year. City Manager Berry pointed out that non-promotional Lodgers' Tax funds are used to fund Raton MainStreet. It was noted that the number on the resolution in the packet needed to be corrected. Clerk/Treasurer Antonucci apologized for the error and stated that she would make the correction and also add the approved dollar amount in the blank once the resolution is approved. A motion was made by Commissioner Giacomo to approve Resolution 2019-25: Approving Financial Support to Raton MainStreet. The motion was then amended to also include approving the award of \$40,000. Commissioner Chavez seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

F. *Deliberate and Act on Event Forms for Raton MainStreet Carnival and Balloon Rally.*

City Manager Berry introduced and stated that there would be no street closures for either event but that they both include planning with emergency services. He reported that the various department heads have reviewed and signed off on both event forms. The Mainstreet Carnival will be held at the Raton High School parking lot June 6 -10 and will start setting up on June 3rd. Christine Valentini from Raton MainStreet gave a brief presentation on the Balloon Rally event to be held July 4-6 and noted that a balloon sponsorship is \$550. The pilot's reception will also be held again at the Raton Convention Center. A motion was made by Commissioner Chatterley to approve the Event Forms for the Raton MainStreet Carnival and Balloon Rally. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Schuster and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

G. *Deliberate and Act on FY2020 Lodgers Tax Non-Promotional Funding Requests from Raton Arts and Humanities and Raton Museum.*

City Manager Berry introduced the \$18,000 request submitted by the Raton Arts and Humanities. He stated that this is a relationship the City has had for many years. Terry Baca was also present and gave a brief overview of the live performances at the Shuler and art shows held at the gallery. Mayor Segotta questioned how they could make more money on the shows they bring to the Shuler. Mr. Baca stated that their funding from the local foundations has been reduced by 40%. He also noted that most shows cost approximately \$3,500 and that they do make a percentage from the art sales at the gallery.

Wayne McMurtry was present to speak on behalf of the Raton Museum request for \$30,000 and reported that it was discussed with members at their last Museum Board meeting. Commissioner Chavez stated that he admired the fact that they did not ask for an increase in funding from last year and also stated that the request was put together nicely. Mayor Pro-tem Schuster stated that both organizations are important to the City of Raton. City Manger

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Berry stated that the City is still working on the draft budget and that the Mayor and Commission will want to see it to determine the amount of funding available prior to approval of these funding requests. He also noted that he is evaluating the cost of necessary building improvements that would also be funded from the non-promotional fund and possibly pledging those revenues for debt financing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chavez to postpone action on both of the requests until the May 28th meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chatterley and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

H. *Deliberate and Act on a Two (2) Year Union Agreement Between the City of Raton and Raton Firefighters Local 2378 for Fiscal Years 2020-2021.*

City Manager Berry stated that they have tentatively agreed to the terms IAFF has voted on. He reported that there was a minor change on work assignments and to the salary schedules on page 6, section 8. Union members would receive a 1.25% raise in 2019/2020 and a 2% raise in fiscal year 2020/2021. A motion was made by Commissioner Chatterley to approve the Two (2) Year Union Agreement Between the City of Raton and Raton Firefighters Local 2378 for Fiscal Years 2020-2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Giacomo and carried 5-0 with a unanimous roll call vote of "yes" from each Commissioner.

I. *Deliberate and Act on Dispatch Agreement Between the City of Raton and Village of Springer*

City Manager Berry introduced and discussed the service provided by Raton Dispatch. He noted that this is a one year agreement and that the annual fee paid by Springer is \$32,004. He also reported that Raton Dispatch will be upgrading equipment soon with a grant from DFA. There is also additional requirements and rules that will impact how the center is operated. A motion was made by Commissioner Chavez to approve the Dispatch Agreement Between the City of Raton and Village of Springer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Giacomo and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

J. *Deliberate and Act on Proposal for 2019 Gordon Environmental Monitoring and Reporting Services.*

Public Works Director Jason Phillips presented the proposed contract in the amount of \$33,500 plus NMGR for 2019 with Gordon Environmental for monitoring and reporting services for the closed City of Raton Landfill which he noted is necessary in order to comply with NMED requirements. He also stated that the amount is an increase from the previous contract but that he anticipates the costs may go down to \$24,500 next year. Mr. Phillips recommended approval of the contract. City Manager Berry added that once you receive certification to close a landfill it must be monitored for 30 years. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Schuster to approve the 2019 Gordon Environmental Monitoring and Reporting Services contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chatterley and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

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K. *Review and Discussion: FY2020 City of Raton Draft Interim Budget*

City Manager Berry stated that he has not received any input from the public but stated there is still time for public comment. He reported that the City is looking to maintain current levels of service and that the budget will reflect a decline in gross receipts and an increase in the Small Cities Assistance. Commissioner Chatterley stated that the Branding Committee is still working on way finding and signage that she would like to see funding considered in the non-promotional lodgers tax budget for next year. City Manager Berry also reported that he will be releasing a job posting soon for a full-time Code and Zoning Enforcement Officer to address the blight and dilapidated buildings. There was no further comments.

L. *Deliberate and Act on Resolution 2019-26: City of Raton FY19 Budget Adjustment #15*

Clerk/Treasurer Antonucci presented the Commission with a revised budget adjustment that included funding for the Fire Station #1 Upstairs renovation project reflecting accurate amounts after the bid award and also an adjustment for the outfitting of the new vehicles with emergency lighting, radios and decals. She noted that the resolution also includes line item adjustments in various funds and an adjustment for the Hart/Brilliant Paving Project funded by a NMDOT COOP grant and Gas Tax Revenues. A motion was made by Commissioner Chatterley to approve Resolution 2019-26: City of Raton FY19 Budget Adjustment #15. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Giacomo and carried 5-0 with all voting "aye".

M. *City Manager's Report.*

City Manager Berry reported the following:

- The Great Blocks Project should be completed in the next 30 days.
- Construction on Airport Phase II and the Filter Plant are ongoing.
- The Hart/Brilliant paving project will start July 1st and finish by October.
- Transfer Station is now open on Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm. He also reminded citizens that it is not legal to place mattresses and other debris next to the dumpsters.
- Reported that there will be strong enforcement on weeds this summer. He also encouraged citizens to clean up their property by painting and doing some basic maintenance.
- Announced that the Planning & Zoning meeting this week on Thursday will need to be re-scheduled for June.
- Announced that the American Counsel of Engineering presented an award to Bohannon Huston and the City of Raton for the Multi-Modal Project now called "Heritage Park".

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Mayor Pro-tem Schuster announced that May is also Better Speech & Hearing Month.

Mayor Segotta reported that he and Mayor Pro-tem Schuster attended the Colfax County event honoring Bill Sauble. They also attended the Chamber meeting last night and reported that the new mural at the Visitor's Center looks nice.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

ATTEST:


Michael Anne Antonucci, City Clerk

CITY OF RATON


James Neil Segotta Jr., Mayor